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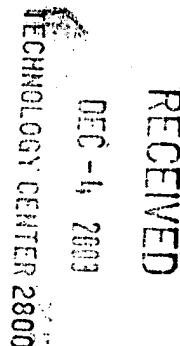
PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KEIJU KUBOKI) : Examiner: R. Beatty
Application No.: 09/866,789) : Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: May 30, 2001) :
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,)
IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND) :
STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR) November 20, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, for three months from August 20, 2003, to November 20, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Date of Signature

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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